

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 3519-01
BILL NO.: HB 1467
SUBJECT: Consumer Protection; Licenses
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 15, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses
This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

MLW:LR:OD:005 (9-94)

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration (DPR)**, **Department of Mental Health (DMH)** and the **Department of Social Services (DOS)** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	0	0	0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	0	0	0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation would revise qualifications for licensing of professional counselors. It would expand the definition of professional counseling to include diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders. It would exempt ministers, clergy, duly accredited Christian scientists, substance abuse counselors, and state employees or consultants from licensure as long as their practice is consistent with established standards of their profession. It would make additions to the educational requirements necessary to become a licensed professional counselor. It would require the Committee for Professional Counselors to adopt an examination for licensure and allows the examination to be prepared and administered by another organization.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

This proposal would not affect Total State Revenues.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration
Department of Mental Health
Department of Social Services

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Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
February 15, 2000